(d) if so, the decisions taken at its first meeting; and

(e) whether any concrete programme of action has been planned by this Committee to improve education?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (e) The National Mission for Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) Mission was constituted on 3rd December, 2004, with the Prime Minister as the Chairman of the Governing Council.

The first meeting of the General Council was held on 21.2.2005, where the members discussed the progress of SSA and shared their views on the promotion of elementary education in the country.

Legislation to Prevent Exploitation of Students

3281. DR. KARAN SINGH:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a recent court judgment has suggested to the Centre to enact a legislation to prevent exploitation of students as there is lack of regulation to check mushrooming private educational boards conducting all India tests;

(b) if so, whether any judgment sounded warning that situation was grave and required urgent steps by Centre to stop exploitation of students;

(c) if so, whether Government are considering the suggestion; and

(d) if so, the steps Government propose to enact a legislation to curb exploitation, as pointed out by the court?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) A proposal to check mushrooming of private educational boards conducting Secondary & Senior Secondary examinations in the country is under consideration of the Government.